

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3, 6-10, 12, 13, 15-21, 25-27, 29, 32-38, 40, 42, 46-60, and 62-65 are allowable.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-21, 25-27, 29, 32-38, 40, 42, 46-60, and 62-65 are currently pending. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended. Claim 1 has been amended for clarification purposes only. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended in the interest of advancing prosecution. No new matter is added by these amendments.

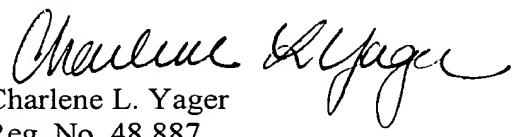
Section 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Office action asserts that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "CH₂OR" in claim 4 and "CH₂OAc" in claim 5. Applicants have amended claims 4 and 5 to remove these limitations in the interest of advancing prosecution. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should any issues remain with respect to the application.

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